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IRONTON, MO.

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1899.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

The imported cantaloupe is fine. And the ice man continues to smile. The apples this year are very unsatisfactory.

The hub factories both report plenty of orders. The colored school building has been re-painted.

The Iron Mountain dam is a very popular resort these days. Mr. Begley bought the Crommer place at trustee's sale Monday.

The White Rabbit is in town. Call at Grandhomme & Giovannoni's. A book and stationery store has been opened in the Academy of Music.

There will be a grand basket picnic at Annapolis, Saturday, July 29th. The Presbyterian Sunday School had a picnic at Goulding's Park Tuesday.

Collector O'Neal has inaugurated his suits against the delinquent tax-payers. The REGISTER suggests that an effort be made to restore the grass in the courthouse yard.

M. T. Kesling and S. B. Reagan are arranging to make brick on a tract of land east of the railroad. Mr. Wm. Riecke is yet quite sick. His many friends hope to hear of an early improvement in his condition.

There will be a basket picnic at W. L. White's on Marble Creek, twelve miles south of Ironton, Friday, August 4th. There is more wheat being hauled to town this summer than for years past. The price paid is about seventy cents.

The prospecting for lead on the Thomas lands near Grantville continues, and the outlook is very encouraging. At a meeting of the official board, July 21, Miss Ada B. Marks was elected chorister of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Miss Alma Fletcher has secured a position as teacher in the public schools at Crystal City. The term begins September 1st and continues ten months. J. M. Rutledge will give a lecture and talking machine entertainment at the colored M. E. church Monday evening, July 31st. Admission, ten cents.

During the past week the country adjacent to Ironton has been visited by good rains, but we have only had an occasional sprinkle. A ground-soaker is needed. The Seventh Annual Camp Meeting of the Southeast Missouri Holiness Association will be held at De Soto August 10th to 24th. Evangelist Miller of Kansas City will have charge.

Sam. C. Jones of Arcadia brought a fine head of cabbage, and three large green peppers to this office Monday. The vegetables are from Sam's own garden and are excellent, indeed. A called meeting of Star of the West Lodge, No. 133, A. F. & A. M., will be held Saturday evening, July 29th. Work in the E. A. degree. MANN RINGO, Sec'y.

For Sale or Rent—The Crommer residence in east Ironton—ten rooms and cellar. Good outbuildings, four acres of ground. A. BEGLEY, Arcadia, Mo.

The Living Church, published in Milwaukee, in its edition of July 16th, has a half-page out showing the May-Pole dance on the lawn at St. Paul's church, Ironton. The picture is a remarkably good one.

There will be an excursion from St. Louis to the Valley next Sunday. The train leaves Union Station at 8:30 in the morning, and leaves Arcadia on the return at 6:10 p. m. The fare for the round trip is \$1.25.

Mr. F. J. Killalee, formerly with the Consolidated Coal Co., has now connected himself with the Boomer Coal Co. Mr. Killalee is well known in Catholic circles and controls a large trade.—Sunday Watchman.

Mrs. W. J. Smith, who has had twenty years' experience, will organize a class in plain and ornamental penmanship and vertical writing in Ironton, Tuesday, August 1st. Apply at cottage, Emerson's north gate.

J. T. Banyard, the popular drummer who lives in this place, came home last Saturday quite ill. His physicians report his trouble to be appendicitis. He is said to be some better at this writing.—Fidmout Banner.

Rev. J. C. Berryman, who is here with his wife visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. G. Russell, filled the pulpit at the M. E. Church, South, Sunday morning. A large crowd turned out to hear the aged minister.—Farmington Herald.

The Ironton boys have been trying to arrange for a game of ball with the Farmington nine, but the latter seem to hesitate about "coming to the scratch." Doubtless the memories of seasons gone by make them fearful as to the result.

An important meeting of Ironton Camp, Modern Woodmen, next Tuesday evening, August 1st. Eighteen candidates to be initiated. A number of brethren from Bismarck Camp will be present. All members urged to attend. A spread after lodge. I. A. MARSHALL, V. C.

K. W. Weber, a well-known attorney, died at his home in Farmington last Friday evening. Mr. Weber seemed in his usual good health on leaving home that morning, but about ten o'clock had an attack of apoplexy from which he never recovered. The deceased had many friends in Iron county.

It is reported that the Leadington property is now under option to Mr. D. P. Doak.—Farmington Herald.

Married—At Ironton, Mo., July 26, 1899, by Jno. B. Hampton, Probate Judge, Chas. P. Wilkison of Farmington, Mo., and Miss Mamie Bradley of Bonne Terre.

The understanding now is that there will be no more troops at the rifle range this summer. Troop "G," under Capt. Hardee, which was expected next month, has been ordered to Fort Meyer, Virginia. Troop "K," which spent the past month here, has been ordered to Manila. In the course of the next ten days it is said there will not be twenty-five soldiers left at Jefferson Barracks.

The Dickey Club, a famous social organization in St. Louis, has established temporary summer quarters in Ironton at Mrs. Bradley's pleasant home on Main street. Messrs. Ben Pickel and Will Denvers of St. Louis are in charge with Mr. J. Lopez, casting a supervising eye over all details. They are planning a surprise on the "home office," particulars of which Mr. Lopez will make public later.

When the band returned from the pagoda to the room last Monday evening the members were agreeably surprised with an elegant spread of ice-cream and cake—the gift of Miss Maude Edgar. Perhaps the boys didn't enjoy it that sweltering night! The cream was the real thing, and the cake as well needed no certificate to its artistic perfection. A resolution of thanks was unanimously voted the fair doer.

The following is reproduced from a late issue of the De Soto Facts: "Rev. Arthur Brittain of Ironton preached at Trinity Episcopal church Sunday morning and evening. In the morning the theme of the sermon was based upon the text, 'If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink.' The preacher is a scholarly gentleman and it is hoped that Trinity church may have the pleasure of hearing him often. A good congregation was in attendance at the morning service which was followed by Holy Communion."

James Smith alias Henderson Clark, a negro about seventy years of age, was brought to Ironton from Fredericktown by U. S. Marshal Kennedy Friday, charged with making and causing to be made a false and fictitious claim for an invalid pension. It appears that Smith wanted a pension and was informed that one Henderson Clark was entitled to one, so Smith made affidavit that he was Clark, and now he's in trouble. Smith says he made the affidavit on the advice and suggestion of his pension agent, who is also a minister of the gospel. Smith will have a hearing next week.

Says the last issue of the Fredericktown Democrat-News: "We have heard nothing new in the case of the preacher who acted as spotter for the Iron Mountain road and had two conductors discharged on the strength of his report. The alleged preacher is said to live at Marble Hill or near there, is well known in this city. The case reported by him was for passage between this city and Lutesville instead of De Lassus. We were told that the spotter secured a certificate of good character from two county officers of Bollinger county, who afterwards stated that if they had known what the Rev. (?) gentleman wanted to do with the certificates they would have refused him. The spotter had a case in the circuit court of this district for a divorce from his wife whom he afterwards deserted in St. Louis. It appears that the railroad officials knew him so well that in addition to his sworn statement before a notary public, he had to produce a certificate of good character."

A north-bound freight train was wrecked at the south end of the Ironton switch twenty minutes after midnight Tuesday. Four coal cars were thrown considerable distance from the track and badly wrecked, while two other cars and a box car also left the rails. The seven cars were all loaded with lumber. A brakeman by the name of M. Donlin was thrown from the train and considerably bruised but escaped serious injury. The wreck was occasioned by a broken wheel and a singular fact in relation thereto is that the wheel was broken over a half mile south of the wreck, but did not wreck the cars until the switch was reached. An investigation next morning revealed that a number of ties had been knocked out of position, and cross timbers in the cattle guards broken by the dragging wheel in the intervening distance. Shortly after the accident the wrecking train arrived, and in four or five hours the track was clear, but the train spent a good portion of the day here picking up the wrecked cars.

Wm. H. Webb of Bellevue, this county, left here in March of last year for Kansas, where he became a member of the Sunflower Mining Company, and started for the Klondike. Nothing was heard from the party after they left San Francisco until a few days ago, when a letter was received from Mr. Webb by some friends here saying he was on the return trip, and after spending some time with relatives in the west would be home again. The following, telegraphed to Monday's Republic, from Fort Scott, Kansas, relates the adventures and tells of the hard-luck that attended the Sunflower Company in the Klondike: "The members of the Sunflower Mining Company, who left this place for Alaska eighteen months ago, sailing in their own steamer from San Francisco, are stranded at St. Michaels on their way home. The company started with plenty of money and provisions for two years. They spent the winter on the Koyukuk River, 2300 miles above St. Michaels, and 400 miles above the highest point they could reach by boat. The first news from them for many months was received to-day, and it tells of suffering and hardship. All their money was spent in prospecting, but no gold was found. There were from one to three deaths in every company in that region. Two men became helpless from scurvy. The doctor said that only vegetable food would save them, and two companions went over one hundred and ten miles for potatoes." We congratulate our friend Webb on his good fortune in surviving so many hardships.

Nothing to carry over" is our aim. We have engaged Miss Clara Hill to look after our millinery department in the absence of Miss Henderson. Miss Hill is well known to all the people of the Valley and any re-trimming, or if you want a nice hat at just half price, be sure and call on her.

Austin Peck, a young man about thirty years of age whose home is in St. Louis, has frequently visited the Valley and is quite well known to a number of people in Ironton. He was here this spring, and early in the summer his wife and two little boys spent several weeks in Ironton boarding at the residence of C. B. Hill. The fact that the family is known here lends local interest to the following taken from Monday's Globe-Democrat: "Austin Peck, whose name has been much used in the newspapers during the last few days in connection with that of Miss Adele La Brier, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., who claims she was married to him the first part of the week, is a married man and has a wife and two children, who are now living in St. Louis county, at Pattonville. The wife was formerly a Miss Fillingham, a daughter of Charles Fillingham, a retired farmer of some of the Peck family, when he was in St. Louis last week, denied that he was married to Miss La Brier, claiming that she was only a casual acquaintance. This much was learned from a member of the Peck family last night. The story of the elopement, however, continues to develop features of sensationalism. A telegram to the Globe-Democrat from Poplar Bluff last night says: 'Miss La Brier returned from St. Louis Friday morning, stating that she had married Austin Peck, and that he would return Sunday. In the afternoon her mother received a telegram from a man, stating that Peck had married his daughter four years ago, and that she and her two children were now living in St. Louis county. On receiving this news Miss La Brier fainted, and when seen was almost broken-hearted, pitifully weeping, and declaring that she knew Peck would come back. A marriage certificate was produced, showing marriage in St. Louis July 20 by one Frank Ross, a Justice of the Peace of Montgomery county, Mo., and witnessed by Charles Browning. Peck arrived at Poplar Bluff from St. Louis Sunday on the early morning train and went directly to Mrs. La Brier's, but he refused to be interviewed or to make a statement. Peck first reached Poplar Bluff last May, and claimed to be the grandson of Peck, of St. Louis, and said that he had lately fallen heir to a large sum of money from his grandfather's estate. An announcement appeared in the St. Louis papers the latter part of last week relating to the alleged elopement of Miss La Brier with a man giving his name as Austin Peck, who said he was a grandson of the late Charles H. Peck, who died recently, leaving a large fortune, his grandson, Austin Peck, being awarded as his share, \$500. According to the story from Poplar Bluff, the couple left that town Tuesday in a buggy and drove to Henderson, where they remained in the station awaiting the train for St. Louis, which they boarded. The next development was the return of Miss La Brier to Poplar Bluff Friday, when she said she had been married to Austin Peck in St. Louis, and that he would return to Poplar Bluff the next day. When inquiry was made of members of the Peck family, a mystery seemed to spread over the case. Stephen Peck, the supposed head of the Peck family in St. Louis, when asked concerning the marriage of Austin Peck, expressed the greatest irritability, and, after saying that he knew nothing about it and cared less, shut the door behind him in a half rage. Inquiries at the directory address of Austin Peck developed that a man giving his name as Austin Peck had lived there until the latter part of the spring, when he had left without informing the neighbors of his next address. The telegram received last night brought the issue squarely. A relative of Austin Peck's stated that the young man had married the daughter of Charles Fillingham about four years ago. Mr. Fillingham is a man of some wealth, and is now living at Pattonville where his daughter and two children are staying at the present time. For the past few months, Austin Peck has been, for a greater part of the time, in Poplar Bluff, where he has transacted business in connection with the real estate of his grandfather, Charles H. Peck. It has been customary for him to come to St. Louis often, remaining only a few days. Since the removal of the family from Ella avenue, where they formerly lived, the wife has visited relatives, though she is now at Pattonville. The attorney for Austin Peck in St. Louis is Mr. Randolph Laughlin, with offices in the Lincoln Trust building. Mr. Laughlin said last night that when he went home Saturday night, he found Austin Peck, who had been waiting for him from 5 o'clock until 7:30, in a great stew, and anxious, apparently, to sue the local papers for libel. He made an emphatic denial of any marriage or form of marriage with Miss La Brier, and claimed that he only knew her as a casual acquaintance. "Mr. Peck told me," said Mr. Laughlin, last night, "that they had driven to Henderson together and taken the St. Louis train. Having met before, he said, they sat together, but only as acquaintances. He told me that Miss La Brier had left the train at De Soto and that he had come on to St. Louis. Further than that he said he knew nothing, but said the marriage story was gotten up by persons who wished to hurt his credit in Poplar Bluff. I know nothing further of the case than he told me. He went over in detail with me the circumstances of the trip to St. Louis." 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Personal.

Chas. Jones is home. Wm. Cronin was in town Monday. Wm. Curtis was in Des Arc Sunday. Miss Mabel Davis of St. Louis is in Ironton.

Geo. Lewis of Sabula was a caller Saturday. Miss Lillian Steel is visiting in Jefferson county. Miss Allie Gay is the guest of St. Louis friends.

Ab. Curtis is at home this week from Lesterville. Mrs. W. H. Webb of Bellevue was a caller Monday. Miss Bertha Fairchild is home from a visit to De Soto.

Miss Nannie Brown is visiting in Des Arc this week. Mrs. Herbert and children visited in De Soto last week. Howard Melhado was in St. Louis Sunday and Monday.

W. B. Newman is out again after quite a severe illness. Capt. Byers and Miss Mamie leave for Atlantic City Monday. Mrs. Bond and Franco are visiting relatives in North Missouri.

Misses Buckemann of St. Louis are guests of the Misses Schwab. W. R. Edgar was attending court in Poplar Bluff several days this week. Mrs. Eliza Schultz arrived Sunday on a visit to her son, George Schultz.

Prof. Wilkinson and Miss Alma Fletcher were in Farmington Monday. Mesdames S. P. Ringo and S. J. Brown visited in Bellevue Wednesday. Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. J. H. Jones and Master Paul visited Farmington Tuesday.

George Davis of Galveston, Texas, arrived Monday on a visit to his parents. Mrs. R. A. Collins of Piedmont was the guest of Mrs. Dr. Gay several days this week. Mrs. Edwin Beard of Watsela, Ill., arrived last night on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barnhouse.

Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron county, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, July 25th, 1899:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	Highest.	Lowest.	
Wednesday	19	92	59
Thursday	20	81	59
Friday	21	82	62
Saturday	22	87	65
Sunday	23	89	70
Monday	24	85	70
Tuesday	25	93	69

NOTE—Precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.

Des Arc Items.

We have had fine rains and they will make the early crop.

Wheat is being threshed and the quality is fine, but it is not yielding as much as expected.

Lumber is moving in rapidly, but is being culled by the Car Foundry Company, and it gives the mill men the blues as well as a back-set to the pocket book.

There are more chills in this section this year than ever was known. The doctors are kept busy. Dr. Wilkinson, I understand, is coming back in August.

J. S. O'Neal and family are spending a month here for a visit. J. M. Morris made a trip to the city last week.

J. C. O'Neal and little son spent a few days with relatives last week. C. Perkins of St. Louis spent a few days with relatives recently.

Ray Stamp was in Keener on business last week. Misses Nettie and Lela O'Neal are visiting their aunt near this place.

Mrs. F. M. Semands of De Soto is visiting her sister at this place. Since the removal of the family from Ella avenue, where they formerly lived, the wife has visited relatives, though she is now at Pattonville. The attorney for Austin Peck in St. Louis is Mr. Randolph Laughlin, with offices in the Lincoln Trust building. Mr. Laughlin said last night that when he went home Saturday night, he found Austin Peck, who had been waiting for him from 5 o'clock until 7:30, in a great stew, and anxious, apparently, to sue the local papers for libel. He made an emphatic denial of any marriage or form of marriage with Miss La Brier, and claimed that he only knew her as a casual acquaintance. "Mr. Peck told me," said Mr. Laughlin, last night, "that they had driven to Henderson together and taken the St. Louis train. Having met before, he said, they sat together, but only as acquaintances. He told me that Miss La Brier had left the train at De Soto and that he had come on to St. Louis. Further than that he said he knew nothing, but said the marriage story was gotten up by persons who wished to hurt his credit in Poplar Bluff. I know nothing further of the case than he told me. He went over in detail with me the circumstances of the trip to St. Louis." It is said that Mr. Peck went to Pattonville Friday morning to see his wife and children. He met with a cool reception. The papers which contained the account of the alleged marriage were shown him, and upbraided by his wife and his father-in-law Fillingham. He left the city Saturday night for Poplar Bluff. Tuesday's paper stated that on Monday Peck was arrested at Poplar Bluff on the charge of seduction, the warrant being issued on an application to the State attorney by the girl's mother, Mrs. La Brier. Peck gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance.

Marble Creek News.

Ed. Register—Remember the basket picnic, August 4th. Miss Nettie Kuhn from St. Louis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kuhn.

Miss Lou Jones is on the sick list. Enos Pennybaker has purchased W. Conley's farm. We have not heard where Mr. Conley will move.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones and son, Olin, visited home folks Sunday. Miss Daisy Propst from Arcadia visited Miss Hattie Kuhn Sunday.

George and Frank Callison called on their best girls in Arcadia Sunday. Mrs. Lena Zurbide and Miss Kittie Baird, Ulysses Propst and Chas. Kuhn called on Miss Lou Jones Sunday eve. A party of young people attended church in Arcadia Sunday morning.

We are having a fine shower of rain at this writing—just what the farmers are glad to see. STONY HOLLOW. July 24, 1899.

Capt. William Astor Chanler, Congressman from New York, is the president of the New York Star, which is giving away a Forty Dollar Bicycle daily, as offered by their advertisement in another column. Hon. Amos J. Cummings, M. C., Col. Asa Bird Gardner, District Attorney of New York, ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas, and Col. Fred Feigl, of New York, are among the well known names in their Board of Directors.

A Basket Picnic, Friday, August 4th.

There will be a Basket Picnic, Friday, August 4th, 1899, on Marble Creek at W. L. White's place, twelve miles south of Ironton. There will be dancing, swinging, refreshments and all kinds of games on the grounds. Everybody come and have a big time. It will be a "glorious fourth."

W. L. WHITE. H. HURST.

Graniteville Gossip.

Ed. Register—Rev. McCormack of Ironton was in town Monday. Miss Minnie Trauernicht is visiting friends at Annapolis this week. Mr. Jno. Meade returned from Granite City last week.

Mrs. Sweeney of Arcadia is visiting relatives at this place. Chas. and Steward Kambal of St. Louis are spending the summer at this place.

Mrs. Jno. Simpson of Arcadia spent last week at this place visiting relatives. Mr. R. Trauernicht was in Irondale a few days of last week.

Mrs. Jno. Olson is visiting friends in Allenville this week. Miss Nettie Murray of Arcadia is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Murray. Prof. F. M. Vance of Ironton was in town Monday.

Miss Ora Graham, who has been visiting in Flat River, returned home Sunday accompanied by Ed Cloud. Several from this place attended the picnic at Bellevue Saturday.

Mrs. H. Hiltman has been quite ill for the past two weeks, but is some better at this writing. Mrs. Hannah, who has been visiting here for several days, returned to her home in St. Louis Saturday.

The festival given by the members of M. E. church was a success. The net proceeds were about \$30. GIBBLTAR.

A Cure for Sick Headache.

I have a friend who had suffered 20 years from sick headache and had tried every remedy available, but found no relief. Finally I induced him to try Ramon's Liver Pills and Tonic Pellets, and he is now free from headache, and looks like a new man.—G. D. Murray, Dory, Ky. For sale by Geo. C. Jacobs, druggist.

Bellevue Briefs.

Miss Laura Dutton and her sister, Mrs. Bailey, attended church here Sunday. J. A. Reyburn of Clear Creek was in town Thursday and Friday.

Misses Lulu Parks and Lettie Copeland of Marble Creek were in town Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Hill of De Soto preached Sunday and Sunday night at First Baptist Church.

James Phillips and wife of Potosi visited relatives here this week. Bellevue nine played Caledonia Saturday. Score in favor of Bellevue. The same clubs will play this coming Saturday at Alfred Hale's one mile east of town.

Misses Anna Imboden, Dora Lucas and Thomas Lucas visited relatives here last week. Polk Gilliam of Belgrade was in town Monday.

Henry Warren of Hannibal is visiting relatives. Miss Rosa Altheuser of Caledonia is visiting friends here this week. H. L. Bell had business in Caledonia Monday.

Emmett Imboden was in Caledonia Sunday. Mrs. J. A. Reyburn and Hallie Lay were in town Saturday. Wm. Ruddock and family and John Ruddock and family took dinner with Mrs. Lillie Webb Saturday.

James McClain, son and wife of Springfield are visiting relatives here this week. Arthur Sloan of Belgrade was in town Tuesday.

John Reed returned to his home in Greenville, Texas, last week. Miss Lena Russell gave the young folks a party Wednesday eve. All report a good time.

Rev. G. S. Sal of Ironton will deliver a Sunday School address at the picnic next Saturday, July 29th. Ester Richey of St. Louis is visiting in this community. E. M. Logan had business in Ironton Tuesday. July 26, 1899.

Mann.

Ed. Register—We change the heading of our communication from "Cedar Creek" to "Mann," the name of the new office here. We have been receiving mail daily. Mr. Sinclair is our mail carrier.

Mr. H. Latham gave us a pleasant call Friday; he had been to his farm on Red Creek with lumber. Quite a number of the good people from Cedar Creek attended the picnic at Bellevue Saturday, and all report a good time.

Rev. C. T. Fortune of Belgrade visited J. G. Hartman last week. He left an appointment to preach at Pleasant Valley church the fifth Sunday at 11 a. m., and also Sunday night.

J. B. Goggin and family visited at Mann Saturday and Sunday. We are reliably informed that there will be a picnic near here at Cedar Grove sometime in August; also one at Bellevue next Saturday.

J. G. Hartman and family visited relatives near Edge Hill recently. Mr. J. McClurg and family visited relatives out here Sunday.

The threshing machine has been in this vicinity the past week, and quite a number of crops have been threshed. There was preaching Saturday and Sunday at Pleasant Valley church by pastor, Rev. Alcorn and others. The Lord's Supper and foot washing were administered. Quite a number from a distance were present.

A gentle shower Sunday evening was very beneficial. But we need a good rain, as we haven't had a good rain for nearly two months. July 24th. REPORTER No. 2.

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